

Alameda Fire Department

State-Mandated Inspection Compliance

Report 2025 Reporting Year

Executive Summary

The Alameda Fire Department completed its annual state-mandated inspection program for all Educational (E), Institutional (I), and Residential (R) occupancies. The 2025 cycle demonstrated high compliance across all occupancy groups, reflecting the Department's commitment to fire and life safety. Overall performance is summarized below:

Group	Total Records	Completed	Compliance %
E	32	31	96.9%
I	7	7	100.0%
R	1070	967	90.4%

About the Program & Methodology

California Health and Safety Code Section 13146.2 and 13146.3 requires annual inspections for specific occupancy types, including schools, institutional care settings, and multi-unit residential buildings. Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4 requires the Alameda Fire Department to annually report to City Council on its compliance with these mandated inspections. The Alameda Fire Department maintains an active inspection inventory and conducts risk-based scheduling to ensure timely compliance. "Scheduled" refers to properties assigned during the inspection year, while "Completed" represents those fully inspected and documented.

Educational (E) Occupancies

Educational Group E occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, more than six persons at any one time for educational purposes through the 12th grade. These buildings require annual fire and life safety inspections to verify compliance with egress, alarm systems, fire protection features, and operational safety measures.

Classification	Total Records	Completed	Scheduled	Compliance %
E	4	3	4	75%

E-1	13	13	13	100%
E-2	2	2	2	100%
E-3	13	13	13	100%

Institutional (I) Occupancies

Institutional Group I occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, in which care or supervision is provided to persons who are or are incapable of self-preservation without physical assistance or in which persons are detained for penal or correctional purposes or in which the liberty of the occupants is restricted. Institutional occupancies shall be classified as Group I-2, I-3 or I-4. These facilities consistently demonstrate strong compliance due to established procedures, staffing, and regulatory coordination.

Classification	Total Records	Completed	Scheduled	Compliance %
I-1.1	4	4	4	100%
I-2	3	3	3	100%

Residential (R) Occupancies

Residential Group R includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for sleeping purposes when not classified as an Institutional Group I or when not regulated by the California Residential Code in accordance with Section 101.2 of the California Building Code. Group R occupancies not constructed in accordance with the California Residential Code as permitted by Sections 310.4.1 and 310.4.2 of the California Building Code shall comply with Section 420 of the California Building Code. They make up the largest portion of the City's inspection inventory. The Department continues to maintain high compliance levels across nearly all R categories, with minor variances primarily due to scheduling delays, tenant access issues, or follow-up inspections pending documentation.

Classification	Total Records	Completed	Scheduled	Compliance %
R-1	5	5	5	100%
R-2	1037	937	1003	90%
R-2 >90 Units	1	1	1	100%
R-2 11-20 Units	7	7	7	100%
R-2 21-30 Units	1	1	1	100%
R-2 61-90 Units	1	1	1	100%
R-2 31-60 Units	1	1	1	100%
R-2.1	13	13	13	100%

R-3	1	1	1	100%
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Outcomes & Variances

The Department achieved strong compliance across all occupancy groups. Educational and Institutional occupancies remained at or near full compliance due to well-coordinated scheduling and predictable facility operations. The R-2 category, representing more than 1,000 multi-unit residential structures, reached 90% compliance. Most outstanding inspections stemmed from units requiring re-entry, locked or restricted access, or owner coordination. Corrective measures include expanded scheduling windows,

Conclusion

The 2025 inspection cycle reflects the Alameda Fire Department's strong commitment to maintaining safe, compliant buildings across the community. Educational and Institutional occupancies achieved exceptionally high completion rates, demonstrating stable coordination with facility operators and well-established inspection practices. These results also highlight the effectiveness of the Department's scheduling workflow and the continued value of direct communication between inspectors and site representatives.

Residential occupancies, which make up the largest and most complex portion of the City's inspection inventory, reached more than 90 percent compliance despite significant access and coordination challenges typical in multi-unit housing. The Department has already taken steps to address these barriers—expanding outreach efforts, improving scheduling windows, and strengthening follow-up procedures. These focused improvements, combined with ongoing collaboration with property owners and managers, will continue to enhance compliance and support a safe, resilient community in the year ahead.